

This is a notice for the fifth meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Accotink Creek Watershed Benthic Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) project. Biological monitoring data collected by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have shown that portions of Accotink Creek and Long Branch do not meet Virginia's water quality standard for aquatic life use due to poor health in the benthic biological communities. The stressor identification analysis, which was finalized on September 29, 2015, identified chloride, hydromodification, habitat modification, and sediment as the most probable stressors contributing to the benthic impairments in the Accotink Creek watershed. Of the four most probable stressors, only chloride and sediment are pollutants. DEQ, with assistance from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), have been developing TMDLs for chloride and sediment in accordance with the Clean Water Act.

The purpose of this meeting is to present and discuss draft TMDL allocations for sediment and chlorides in the Accotink Creek watershed. In response to comments received at the last TAC meeting on July 28th, DEQ and ICPRB have utilized a new method to set chloride allocations. The new allocation method will also be presented at this meeting. This meeting is an opportunity to solicit input from the TAC on these sediment and chloride allocations. If you have any questions regarding the TAC, this meeting, or the Accotink TMDL project, please contact Will Isenberg via phone, email, or conventional mail using the information listed at the bottom of this notice. All materials related to this project will be posted on the DEQ website at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/DocumentationforSelectTMDLs.aspx>

The fifth TAC meeting will be held:

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
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